MANITOBA

FIREARM INCIDENTS

REPORT

Hunting and Non-Hunting
2007

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Manitoba Conservation acknowledges the assistance provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who provided information for this Firearm Incidents Report. It is through this organization that detailed information on each firearm incident was obtained. This report does not necessarily include all firearm incidents in the province as we can only report on those incidents we receive information for.

NOTE: This report does not cover firearm incidents within the cities of Brandon or Winnipeg.

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The Manitoba Wildlife Federation
70 Stevenson Road
Winnipeg MB R3H 0W7
633- Hunt (4868) or
1-877-633-Hunt

SUMMARY

During 2007, there were three reported firearm-related incidents.

All of the incidents were self-inflicted. None of the incidents involved a shooter less than 18 years of age.

All of the reported incidents were related to hunting. None of the reported incidents occurred during a licenced hunting season.

All of the reported incidents occurred at a distance of less than ten yards. None of the reported incidents involved a graduate of a Hunter Safety Program.

There were 2,936 students that completed the Manitoba Hunter and Firearm Safety course in 2007. 151,514 students have now graduated from the program since it began in 1964. Of the total, 168 have later become involved in a firearm incident, which represents 0.11%. In 2007, 13 new instructors were certified, bringing the total number of volunteers to approximately 230 active instructors.

In 1998 Manitoba Conservation entered into an agreement with the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF). The agreement transferred the administration and delivery of the Manitoba Hunter and Firearm Safety Training Program to the MWF.

CAUSE OF INCIDENTS

	2006	2007
Victim out of sight of shooter	0	0
Victim moved into line of fire	0	0
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	0	0
Victim mistaken for game	0	0
Shooter stumbled and fell	0	1
Using firearm as a club	0	0
Trigger caught on bush or other object	0	1
Loaded firearm in vehicle	1	0
Firearm fell from insecure rest	0	0
Horseplay" and/or "didn't know it was loaded"	0	0
Crossing fence or other obstacle with loaded firearm	0	0
Loading	1	0
Unloading	0	0
Defective firearm	1	0
Cleaning firearm	0	0
Loaded firearm in the home	0	0
Accidental discharge	0	1
Ricochet	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	**3**	**3**

Average firearm incidents per year in 5-year increments since Hunter Safety Program commenced.

1964-1968	44.2
1969-1973	56.0
1974-1978	53.6
1979-1983	42.8
1984-1988	26.4
1989-1993	20.4
1994-1998	9.0
1999-2003	6.0

SYNOPSIS OF 2006 AND 2007 FIREARM INCIDENTS

		2006	2007
A.	**Total Number of Incidents**	**3**	**3**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	3	3
B.	**1) Hunting Legally During Regular Season**	**2**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	2	0
	2) Treaty Indian Hunting	**1**	**2**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non- fatal	1	2
	3) Hunting Small Animals, Birds, or Illegal Hunting	**0**	**1**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	1
	4) Non-hunting Incidents	**0**	**0**
	Fatal in the home	0	0
	Fatal in a vehicle	0	0
	Fatal outside home	0	0
	Non-fatal in the home	0	0
	Non-fatal in a vehicle	0	0
	Non-fatal outside the home	0	0
C.	**Shooter Unknown**	**0**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
D.	**Incidents Involving Shooter under 18 years of age**	**0**	**0**
	All Types of Hunting	0	0
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
	Non-hunting	0	0
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0

TYPE OF FIREARM INVOLVED

		2006	2007
A.	**.22 caliber Rim Fire Rifle**	**1**	**1**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	1	1
B.	**Center Fire Hi Power Rifle**	**1**	**1**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	1	1
C.	**Shotgun**	**1**	**1**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	1	1
D.	**Hand Gun**	**0**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
E.	**Pellet Gun**	**0**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
F.	**Other Muzzle Loader**	**0**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
G.	**Unknown/**	**0**	**0**
	Fatal	0	0
	Non-fatal	0	0
Total		**3**	**3**

DISTANCE OF VICTIM FROM SHOOTER

	2006	2007
0 to 10 yards	3	3
10 to 50 yards	0	0
50 to 100 yards	0	0
over 100 yards	0	0
Distance Unknown	0	0

OCCURRENCES

Time of Day	2006	2007
Midnight – 3:00 a.m.	0	0
3:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.	0	1
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	1	0
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	0	0
12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.	0	1
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	2	0
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	0	0
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight	0	1
Unknown	0	0
By Day		
Sunday	0	0
Monday	1	0
Tuesday	0	0
Wednesday	0	0
Thursday	2	1
Friday	0	1
Saturday	0	1
By Month		
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	1	0
April	0	1
May	0	0
June	0	0
July	0	0
August	0	0
September	1	0
October	0	1
November	1	1
December	0	0

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF HUNTING LICENCES SOLD

	GAME BIRD	BIG GAME	TOTAL
1970	45,822	47,156	92,978
1975	48,687	11,606*	60,293
1980	58,091	60,505	118,596
1985	35,342	52,541	87,883
1990	34,571	60,006	94,577
1995	24,511	67,883	92,394
2000	19,584	61,318	80,902
2001	18,266	64,098	82,364
2002	17,841	63,703	81,544
2003	18,734	64,220	82,954
2004	16,990	66,134	83,124
2005	16,758	67,078	83,836
2006	18,280	70,549	88,829
2007	18,700	70,173	88,873

* Indicates closed deer season

COMPARISON OF TOTAL FIREARM INCIDENTS
LICENSED HUNTING INCIDENTS WITH TOTAL HUNTING LICENCES ISSUED

YEAR	TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED	TOTAL FIREARM INCIDENTS	LICENCED HUNTING INCIDENTS
1985	87,883	26	7
1990	94,577	22	6
1995	92,394	15	1
2000	80,902	3	1
2001	82,364	6	1
2002	81,544	2	1
2003	82,954	4	3
2004	83,124	6	0
2005	83,836	5	0
2006	88,829	3	2
2007	88,873	3	0

SUMMARY OF 2007 INCIDENTS

DATE AND TIME	AGE OF SHOOTER AGE OF VICTIM	FATAL	TYPE OF FIREARM	MUZZLE DISTANCE	GAME HUNTED	SHOOTER WAS A GRADUATE OF HUNTER SAFETY	CIRCUMSTANCES
April 26 9:00 pm	S - 37 Self Inflicted	No	Shotgun	0 – 10 yards	Geese	No	Victim retrieved shotgun from sled and the trigger snagged on a decoy and 2-3 rounds went off. Victim sustained gunshot wound to left arm.
October 27 4:45 am	S - 25 Self Inflicted	No	.308 caliber Rifle	0 – 10 yards	Moose	No	Victim was carrying firearm when he became excited upon hearing crackling in the bush at which point he inadvertently depressed the trigger shooting himself in the left foot.
November 9 1:00 pm	S – 75 Self Inflicted	No	.22 caliber Rifle	0 – 10 yards	Grey Squirrel	No	The victim was shooting grey squirrels in her yard when she tripped and fell discharging the .22 cal. Rifle into her stomach.

S - Shooter V - Victim